

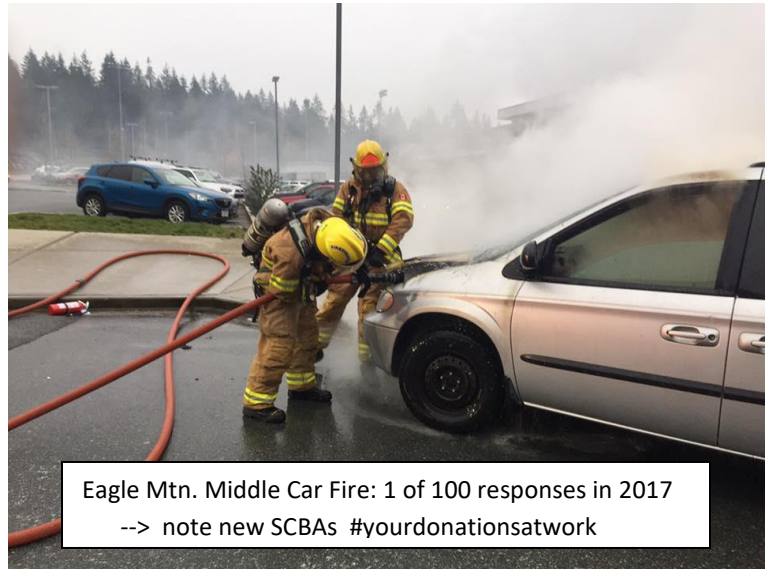


## Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department February News



**2017 Fire Response Stats:** Last year, the SVFD's 42 volunteer firefighters responded to 100 emergencies in Anmore and Belcarra. These responses broke down as follows: 4 structure fires, 34 other fire-related calls, 49 medical emergencies, 5 motor vehicle incidents, and 8 other dispatches. On call 24/7, our crews collectively dedicated 5000+ hours training and responding to emergencies in their communities. Thanks goes out to each of our firefighters for all their work in 2017. Seeing firsthand what goes on behind the scenes, residents should be extremely proud of what these talented men and women do for our two Villages – we certainly are.

**First Responder Medical Training:** As the response stats suggest, a lot of our callouts are for medical emergencies. To work alongside BC Ambulance, each of our members maintains a First Responder Level III medical license and AED endorsement. Last month, a large group of firefighters put in extra training hours to renew their certification. Thanks goes out to instructors Dave McCloskey, Britt Anderson, Doug Bakker and Darin Macdonald for facilitating.



**New Defibrillators & Water Pumps:** The SVFD has purchased new AEDs for responding to patients in cardiac arrest, replacing two older units. Thanks also goes out to the Village of Belcarra for securing two lightweight water pumps that will help us fight fires in more challenging terrain (sloped waterfront, forestry, water-access-only properties). These pumps will join our two heavier Hale Pumps and two smaller forestry pumps to give us increasing options on the fire ground.

**SCBA Fundraiser:** What an amazing two months! Thanks to your generosity, over \$48,000 has been raised since mid-November to upgrade our breathing apparatuses. A big thank-you goes to Linda and Kim Alfreds for kindly matching donations on Belcarra Bay Road. Appreciation also goes out to the Ngobi family and 40 other individuals and families for their generous support – some of these people donating for their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time. We'd particularly like to thank the young chefs and entrepreneurs at *Friendly Forest Preschool* and *Anmore Elementary* for their own fundraising efforts. With your contributions, we have purchased our 18<sup>th</sup> SCBA and only have \$16,500 remaining before we can complete our upgrade. Thank you all for the *incredible support!* [www.svfd.ca](http://www.svfd.ca) to donate.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** 2018 marks the 40th anniversary of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department. To mark the special occasion, the SVFD is planning to host a community party with live music on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow, but please save the date!

Sincerely,

Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)

Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)

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